

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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BIO-GAS PLANTS
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the family of farmers gets decomposed manure and cooking gas every day from a bio-gas plant;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to fix the target of installing bio-gas plants (Drum and Dome design) at the houses of five farmers families in each Gram Panchayat and give subsidy to the interested marginal farmer's family for its installation;
- (c) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government is allocating physical targets for setting up of family type biogas plants (including both drum and dome designs) to different States/UTs and agencies on an annual basis and in turn, the State nodal departments and nodal agencies are sub-allocating targets among different districts and Blocks to cover as many Gram Panchayats as possible with a clustered area approach mainly to ensure regular post-installation and maintenance servicing of plants. Small and marginal farmers are already being given higher rate of Central subsidy for installation of biogas plants under the Central Sector Scheme - National Project on Biogas Development (NPBD).

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): Question does not arise.